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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN

HORSEED WEEKLY OF JANUARY 24, 1975 CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE

TITLED - "WHY CAN'T THE INDIAN OCEAN BSEA ZONE OF PEACE?"

EXCERPTS OF THE ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS: (BEGIN EXCERPTS) -

THE BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL MEET IN HAVANA, CUBA THIS MONTH, SHOULD CONSIDER A DOSSIER PRESENTED BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAGASY REPUBLIC, CAPT. DIDIER RATSIRAKA. THE MALAGASY RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE INDIAN OCEAN TO DISMANTLE ALL FOREIGN BASES AND TO DENY FACILITIES TO ALL MILITARY POWERS AND ALL WARSHIPS. HIS COUNTRY DESIRES TO SEE THE INDIAN OCEAN RESTORED TO A ZONE OF PEACE REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY VOICE OF ALL THE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE INDIAN OCEAN. IT ALSO REPRESENTS THE UN'S WISH AS STATED IN UN RESOLUTIONS NO. 2832 OF DEC 16, 1971 AND 3080 OF DEC 6, 1973. HAVEN'T THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN HEARD THE VIGOROUS PROTESTS BY INDIA, INDOCHINA, BANGLADESH, SRI LANKA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, SOMALIA AND MADAGASCAR? HAVE THEY NOT PAID ATTENTION TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED BY MADAGASCAR ON FEBRUARY 8, 1974 IN WHICH IT COMPLAINED THIS PROJECT GRAVELY COMPROMISES THE PEACE AND SECURITY MC THE ZONE...?

THERE IS NO DOUBT THE DIEGO GARCIA MILITARY BASE CONSTITUTES

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A MAJOR THREAT TO THE COUNTRIES BORDERING THE INDIAN OCEAN

SINCE THIS INSTALLATION WILL UTILIZE ATOMIC-BEARING SUBMARINES
TO FACILITATE THEIR MISSION IN PATROLLING THE ZONE FOR THE
AMERICAN MARINES...

THERE ARE OTHER BRITISH BASES IN ADDITION TO THE SIMONSTOWN
BRITISH BASE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. GREAT BRITAIN MAINTAINS NINE
OTHER BASES OR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS MANNED BY 15,000
MEN WHICH WERE STRENGTHENED TO 85,000 MEN IN 1967 AND AMOUNTS
TO ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THE BRITISH ARMY...

IT IS EVIDENT THAT WITH ALL THIS PRESENCE, THE UNITED STATES
HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. THEIR PRINCIPAL AIM IS TO
INSURE SUPREMACY IN CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION
IN THE ZONE.

WESTERN CLAIMS THAT MOSCOW MAINTAINS BASES IN THE REGION
ARE TOTALLY FALSE...

IT IS NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN THAT ACCESS TO THE INDIAN
OCEAN THROUGH THE INDONESIAN WATER OR THE SUEZ CANAL, IN CASE
IT IS OPENED, WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOVIET NAVY. ALSO,
THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE ZONE IS USED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR
THE INSTALLATION OF MORE POWERFUL MILITARY BASES BY THE
UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES...(END EXCERPTS)
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